

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the Amendment submitted herewith. An Amendment and Reply submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on April 14, 2006, has not yet been considered. A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment issued by the PTO on June 21, 2006, states that the Amendment submitted April 14, 2006 contains two claims numbered 48. In response to the Notice, Applicants submitted an amendment on July 21, 2006 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, which the PTO also considers non-compliant.

In response to the Notices dated June 21, 2006 and August 3, 2006, Applicants submit herewith the above Amendment to the claims. In this Amendment, Applicants hereby cancel claims 46-52 that were submitted to the PTO with the Amendment and Reply on April 14, 2006 and cancel claim 53 that was submitted July 21, 2006, in the amendment in response to the Notice dated June 21, 2006. New claims 54-61 are submitted herewith that recite the identical subject matter of claims identified as New in the Amendment and Reply submitted April 14, 2006. Accordingly, no new matter has been added to the application. Applicants therefore submit that the inadvertent error has been corrected and that the claims meet the requirements for amendments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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